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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides methods of treating idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF); methods of increasing sur-
vival time in an individual with IPF; and methods of reducing risk of death in an individual with IPF. The methods generally involve
administering a therapeutically effective amount of IFN- γ to an individual with IPF.



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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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